



## **Testvale Squares dancers travel to Waggoners Birthday Dance**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025, a party of 12 Testvale Squares dancers travelled up to Hertingfordbury to attend the Waggoners 51<sup>st</sup> Birthday Dance. A group of us had also travelled up to the 50<sup>th</sup> party in 2024 but due to horrendous traffic arrived somewhat late and hungry! However, this year we allowed ourselves plenty of time, the traffic was OK, we had time to eat our lunch before the dance, get changed into our dance clothes and help the Waggoners set out the hall.

Approximately 60 dancers took part from Clubs all over the country, many of us meeting up with people we hadn't seen for months. The atmosphere was great, everyone was enjoying themselves and the dancing was good. We were treated to fabulous calling by Philip Mee who runs a Club in Humberside. Mainstream only, nothing too tricky, but the odd misheard call had us squaring up again! We regularly had 6 squares on the floor, with the last dance managing 8 squares. The high point of the afternoon for us was Alan having to dance as a right hand dancer with Shirley partnering him, they were both wearing sashes, confusing, but the square was perfect and much hilarity.

The Waggoners laid on a wonderful half time spread, many home-baked cakes with tea and coffee, they've certainly got some good bakers in the team! A raffle after tea went down well with the money to be donated to a charity yet to be confirmed. All in all a fabulous afternoon, can't wait till next year.